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I am pleased to hear that you are re-examining your standards for children's television programs. (MM Docket # 93-48)

As an educator, I am aware of the negative impact that many of the current programs have on the social development of young children.

I feel that shows depicting violence as a way to handle social conflicts to be inappropriate for children. These types of shows de-sensitize children to the real horrors of violence, and they re-inforce anti-social behavior.

I feel that appropriate programs for children should involve one (or all!) of the following elements:

1. wholesome entertainment (sing alongs, puppets, magic shows, etc.)
2. story plots involving characters who solve conflicts peacefully
3. educate and inform (about nature, other cultures, etc.)

I consider the following programs to be examples of excellent programs for children:

Reading Rainbow (PBS)
Shining Time Station (PBS)
Lambchop Play - Along (PBS)

Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of children's television.

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Sincerely,

Donna Keating

April 9, 1993

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Dear FCC. - My husband and I are very concerned about the effect of t.v. viewing has on young people and how it affects our society. We greatly dislike the amount and type of television watching our two sons do. We do not see the kind of values portrayed on t.v. that we feel are supportive of raising intelligent,

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May 20, 1993

Michelle Alten-Kaehler

The Kaehlers
13641 NE 42nd St.
Bellevue WA 98005

Dear Madame/Sir,

I am writing to express my concern about children's programming. I have two young children ages three years, and six months. The quality of shows on regular stations is so bad that we limit all our viewing to Public Broadcasting. But I still see the negative effect of television on my little boy via other children. The violence in the cartoons and other shows has led them all to play "bad guys," using sticks for guns and swords. Children have always played this way, but I see today's children acting out actual violent scenes and characters which they are seeing on TV. They tell us that they want to grow up to be "bad guys," and talk about The Joker, and Cat Woman or Batman.

I want you to know that it is not just conservative, fundamentalists who are concerned. I have a rather liberal point of view, but I am sick of the violence both in society and of TV. I think that our right to a nonviolent community and media should be recognized. Right now it is only the big profits of the TV stations that dictate our programming.

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Please consider placing strict regulations on the amount of violence which can be seen on children's' programs. Also the numbers of educational programs should be increased. There should ~~only~~ ^{only} be educational programs available after school. Cartoons and the other programs of no value, should be shown only after a good stretch of other quality programs.

I am concerned not only for my child but for all children.

The types of programs which we should see more of should be more like "Sesame Street" and "Reading Rainbow."

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michelle Allen-Rachlin

P.S. Tighter regulations really should be placed on all TV programs, so that less violence is shown.

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May 12, 1993

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sirs:

I am a member of the South Florida Preschool PTA and during January and February, 1993 our group, with the support of the Dade County Council PTA/PTSA, monitored the amount and quality of children's television aired on commercial (as opposed to cable) stations in Miami in connection with the Children's Television Monitoring Act of 1990.

We have been appalled by our discovery that only 2 to 6 hours per week of each of the four (4) station's total 168 hours of broadcast time is devoted to children's broadcasting and even more greatly distressed by the fact that less than 25% of that, or less than 1% of their total air time, is educational or informational children's programming. (Note, the PBS station was not monitored as we felt the quality and quantity of educational children's television exists there without question.)

According to recent articles in The Miami Herald, you have recently withheld station license renewals for lack of educational children's programming and you have issued a Notice of Inquiry for public comment regarding the law; which is the reason for my letter. Our group commends these actions and sincerely ***urges that the 1990 law continue to be reviewed and at the earliest possible date be made more stringent and specific as to the amounts of educational/informational children's television programming stations are required to air.*** The law, as it presently stands, is too vague as to its addressing of this issue.

Further, we suggest that guidelines as to what constitutes educational/informational children's television programming be established in order that shows like "Leave It to Beaver" cannot be construed by stations as being educational.